



Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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To: Rostered Leaders, Congregations, Synod Council Members, and Executive Officers of Synod Related Social Ministry Organizations, Agencies, and Institutions

From: Pr. Lydia Posselt, Chair, Nominating Committee, Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod

Re: Nominations for 2019 Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod Assembly

Date: November 2018

The Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod's Nominating Committee is asking for your help in identifying gifted and qualified persons, both clergy and lay, to serve as nominees for election at the **Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod Assembly on May 3-4, 2019**

Every year the Synod Assembly elects members of the **Synod Council**, which serves as "the board of directors of the synod" and "its interim legislative authority between meetings of the Synod Assembly." The 2019 assembly will elect the following:

Synod Council positions:

- Three Ministers of Word and Sacrament, terms ending 2022
- One lay male representative from Delaware Conference, term ending 2022
- One lay male representative from Northeast/Northwest Philadelphia Conference, term ending 2022
- One lay female representative from Upper Montgomery Conference, term ending 2022
- One lay female at large, term ending in 2022
- One lay male at large, term ending in 2022
- 1 Lay Male Young Adult Representative, term ending 2022
(person between ages of 18 and 30 at time of election or appointment)
- 1 Lay Female Young Adult Representative, term ending 2022
(person between ages of 18 and 30 at time of election or appointment)
- 1 Lay Male Youth Representative, term ending 2021
(person not yet 18 years of age at time of election or appointment)
- 1 Lay Female Youth Representative, term ending 2021
(person not yet 18 years of age at time of election or appointment)

Synod Secretary

In addition to these positions, the Assembly will also be electing a Secretary for a term ending 2023. According to the Constitution, Bylaws and Continuing Resolutions of the Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod,

S9.06. The Synod Council shall nominate at least one person for secretary only if there is an incumbent; otherwise the Synod Council shall nominate at least two persons for secretary. Additional nominations may be made from the floor.

Please use the synod's nominating form, available at the synod website or by request, to suggest one or more persons for the positions under consideration for the Synod Council. You may make additional copies of the nominating form if necessary. Please submit names of prospective nominees as soon as possible, **but before February 15, 2019.**

The Nominating Committee requires all nominees submit a digital photo of themselves and respond to the following questions – (1) List your top five spiritual gifts and/or personal gifts you would bring to the position if elected, and (2) How have you used these gifts in service to the church and your work? Please answer in 50 words or less

A digital photo and response to the questions are required for a nominating form to be considered completed. Nominating forms submitted without the required information will not be accepted and will not be placed in nomination.

Completed nominating forms, and answers to the “spiritual and personal gifts” question, should be sent to:

Pr. Lydia Posselt, Nominating Committee Chairperson

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Digital photos must be sent to:

Ms. Cynta Outterbridge

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Please note:

- Those nominated must be active members of congregations of the Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod.
- As always, we seek a diversity of candidates.
- Before suggesting a person, ask whether the person is willing to serve if elected.
- The Nominating Committee is not required to place in nomination the name of any person suggested.
- Except for the congregations of the officers and the youth and young adult representatives, two people from the same congregation may not serve on the Synod Council at the same time. The Synod Council may make exceptions to this requirement to promote greater diversity and/or inclusivity.
- In light of the level of responsibility and influence of the following positions, it is our practice that a person may serve as one of the following at a time: Synod Council Member, Conference Dean, or Member of the Candidacy Committee. A person serving in any of these roles may stand for election or appointment to another, but if chosen must resign their current position.